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Surveillance cameras, alley lighting to continue with Potawatomi grant

Alderman Bob Donovan will host a news conference on Thursday, January 19 to accept a generous grant from the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation to Operation Impact that will allow continued public safety and crime-fighting measures across a large portion of the near south side.

The news conference will be at **11 a.m. on Thursday** in the gymnasium at **Christ-St. Peter Lutheran School, 2229 W. Greenfield Ave**. Alderman Donovan will be joined by
Potawatomi representatives, as well as Milwaukee Police Department reps and members of the
Operation Impact board of directors.

The grant will help continued funding for surveillance cameras monitoring business and residential areas (the video feeds are monitored by MPD) as well as alley lighting to deter criminal activity after dark, Alderman Donovan said.

"I am appreciative and pleased by the continued generous support from the Potawatomi, and this grant will be put to good use by Operation Impact almost immediately," he said. "It (grant) illustrates the strength of public-private partnerships and how they can improve the quality of life in areas that have had some challenges in recent years."

Over the years Operation Impact has funded surveillance cameras, alley lighting, a mobile neighborhood nuisance abatement vehicle, and additional MPD bicycle and foot patrol officers. The Operation Impact target area is bounded by the Menomonee Valley on the north, W. Lincoln Ave. on the south, S. 16th Street/S. Cesar Chavez Dr. on the east and S. 39th St. on the west – an area considered one of Milwaukee's most ethnically diverse and touching two aldermanic districts.